

In 1971, he founded B & W STAT Laboratory, Inc. on the corner of Georgia Avenue and Irving Street NW in the District of Columbia. His business remains in operation 62 years later. The laboratory was one of the first independent commercial laboratories in the United States and has served as a faithful business anchor for Georgia Avenue ever since, servicing, hiring and training local residents. The company has won numerous specimen-testing contracts and, in 1971, was the first laboratory in the country to install and operate an on-site lab in the D.C. courthouse. The program received network television recognition and served as a model for similar programs throughout the country.

Skeeter founded the Georgia Avenue Business Association, was co-founder of the DC Drug Prevention Partnership, and his business has participated in the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program. The DC Drug Prevention Partnership was established to address and curb drug use in D.C.'s Ward 1. Skeeter served as the President of the Lower Georgia Avenue Business and Professional Association. During his tenure as President of B & W STAT, Skeeter and his business received many community service awards, including Outstanding Businessman from the People's Involvement Corporation; recognition from the Department of Employment Services—Outstanding Service; and Commanders of the Rite, Mason of the District of Columbia—Excellence in Science Services—Long Years of Leadership in the Field of Laboratory Testing. B & W STAT has been and continues to be a committed community partner.

Throughout the years, B & W STAT had offices on Independence Avenue, Georgia Avenue and Rhode Island Avenue, had multiple contracts with the military, local hospitals and doctor offices and at one time employed over 100 people. B & W STAT was a well-known laboratory, and if you got married in D.C., the required serology premarital blood test to receive a blue card was performed at B & W STAT from the 1970s to the early 2000s. Skeeter was sure to greet everyone who got married in D.C.

He trained local residents through internships and the summer program and helped rehabilitate many D.C. residents. He streamlined toxicology testing and was featured both on the television news and in the paper. He trained hundreds of military personnel on testing and did not request payment for such training.

Skeeter faced many small business issues, including dealing with banks and lines of credit, but more importantly, dealt with prejudice while performing very technical work. B & W STAT always helped the D.C. government with issues around drug testing and helped when they got behind on testing by turning work around in 24 hours. He worked long hours, starting at 6:00 a.m. and ending after 6:00 p.m.

B & W STAT was a member of the Howard University Bison Express, which provides financial assistance to Howard University student-athletes and supported Howard University athletics initiatives, for many years. The company also raised money to replace equipment stolen from Howard University.

Skeeter loved to travel and take family vacations. He encouraged both of his children to attend Howard University and continue the tradition of Historically Black Colleges and Uni-

versities. Both attended and graduated from Howard University.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 62 years, Carole Smith West; his son, Clifton N. West, III, "Skip"; his daughter, Alison West Hughes; his son-in-law, Michael Anthony Hughes; three grandchildren and his sisters, Raquel "Pat" Hall and Beverly W. Goode.

He was loved by many and will surely be missed. His spirit and personality touched everyone he met. His love and spirit will be remembered by all.

CONGRATULATING MEMPHIS LAWYER LUCIAN PERA

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lucian T. Pera, a Memphis lawyer and specialist in legal ethics and media law, who has just been named the winner of this year's American Bar Association Michael Franck Professional Responsibility Award. The award is named in honor of Michael Franck, the late director of the State Bar of Michigan and long-time champion of improvements in lawyer regulation in the public interest. Mr. Pera, a partner in the Memphis office of the law firm Adams and Reese and a former President of the Tennessee Bar Association, has written extensively on ethics issues, including in a column for the magazine of the ABA's Law Practice Division. He has recently served as Chairman of the ABA's Center for Professional Responsibility, and has served as the ABA's Treasurer, on its House of Delegates, and as a member of the Board of Governors. He is recognized nationally for his work on ethics in the legal profession as well as media law and transparency issues in government, particularly in Tennessee, where he also served as President of the Tennessee Open Government Coalition. A graduate of Princeton University and Vanderbilt University Law School, Pera will receive the Franck award at a ceremony in Baltimore on June 3. Mr. Pera is an outstanding lawyer and upstanding citizen, and I commend him for receiving this prestigious award.

SAGE SCHLEGEL-CRIS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Sage Schlegel-Cris for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Sage Schlegel-Cris is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because their determination and hard work have allowed them to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Sage Schlegel-Cris is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Sage Schlegel-Cris for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt they will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of their future accomplishments.

IN MEMORY OF FRED WILLIAM PATTERSON

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Fred Patterson. To those close to Fred, he was known as a man with two careers. While his career as an advertising salesman and publisher paid the bills, he was passionate about impacting his community. It is through his hard work and leadership that Denton transformed into a cosmopolitan competitor with Dallas and Fort Worth.

On December 25, 1929, Fred was born in Decatur, Texas not too far from our beloved community of Denton. After graduating from the University of Texas in 1952, he eventually moved to Denton, where he joined the sales service department at Moore Business Forms. In 1958, he began work advertising for the Denton Record-Chronicle and that same year he married the love of his life, Patsy. By 1986, Fred and Patsy were the co-owners of the Record Chronicle.

Throughout the 1990s, the Pattersons oversaw the renovation for the Patterson-Appleton Arts Center. Personally, I am grateful for this facility because it provided the space I needed in August of 2009, to hold my largest townhall to-date.

Fred very much appreciated the arts and history. So much so that he raised over \$500,000 to move and restore the Bayless-Selby house Museum to the Denton County Historical Park he was also instrumental in founding. Beyond his love for the arts and history, Fred loved his community. He served as chair of the committee that established Denton's television Channel 2 and was vice president of the Friends of WRR radio station.

Denton was more than where he and Patsy lived and raised their two sons Bill and Riley. It was his home, and service to his community was truly his second career.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF PATRICIA ANN PINNEY

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 7, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the passing of a true, diligent public servant, Patricia Ann Pinney, of Somers, Connecticut. Pat passed at the age of 70 on February 20, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

Born to Mary and Stanley Paduch on June 13, 1951, in the neighboring State of Massachusetts, Pat lived out her life as a dedicated, northern Connecticut native. Destined to nurture the same community that raised her, Pat